



Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

18 VAC 45-20 – Board for Branch Pilots Regulations
Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation
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Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

The Board for Branch Pilots (board) proposes some minor wording changes to these regulations that will have no impact in practice.

Result of Analysis

The benefits likely exceed the costs for all proposed changes.

Estimated Economic Impact

Section 40 of these regulations consists of a list of 17 causes for which the board may “deny initial licensure, deny an extension of license, or deny renewal as well to discipline existing licensees.” Four of the described causes include either the phrase “... the public health, safety, *or* welfare” or the very similar phrase “... the public health, safety, *and* welfare.” The board proposes to have the phrase consistently be “... the public health, safety, *or* welfare” in all cases. Consistent language may eliminate the small chance that someone may interpret the slightly different language to represent different intent in law. Otherwise, this proposed change in regulatory language is very unlikely to have any impact in practice.

Businesses and Entities Affected

No one will be significantly affected by the proposed amendments. These regulations apply to the 46 licensed branch pilots in Virginia.

Localities Particularly Affected

Branch pilots work within localities along navigable waterways, particularly the James and Potomac Rivers.

Projected Impact on Employment

The proposed amendments will not affect employment.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

The proposed amendments will not affect the use and value of private property.

Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects

The proposed amendments will not significantly affect small businesses.

Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact

The proposed amendments will not significantly affect small businesses.

Legal Mandate

The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with Section 2.2-4007.H of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 36 (06). Section 2.2-4007.H requires that such economic impact analyses include, but need not be limited to, the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the regulation would apply, the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and the impact on the use and value of private property. Further, if the proposed regulation has adverse effect on small businesses, Section 2.2-4007.H requires that such economic impact analyses include (i) an identification and estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the regulation; (ii) the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for small businesses to comply with the regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparing required reports and other documents; (iii) a statement of the probable effect of the regulation on affected small businesses; and (iv) a description of any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the regulation. The analysis presented above represents DPB's best estimate of these economic impacts.